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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/06/2007

SPONSOR Irwin LAST UPDATED _____ HB 873

SHORT TITLE NMSU Convicted Drug Dealer Database SB _____

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$616.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts with HB 768.
 Duplicates SB 700.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Higher Education Department (HED)

Responses Not Received From
 New Mexico State University (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 873 appropriates \$616,000 to the Regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY08 to pay the Materials Research and Testing Center to develop a database on the location of convicted drug dealers and methamphetamine laboratories.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$616,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Bill 873 and Senate Bill 700 appropriate the same amount to the “Materials Research and Testing Center” at NMSU. House Bill 768 appropriates \$616,000 to NM Tech’s Materials Research and Testing Center for the database. There is an Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center at NM Tech. A search of the NMSU web site for Materials Research and Testing Center directs the viewer to NM Tech.

Representatives of NM Tech are not familiar with the concept and believe HB 768 is a mistake and the appropriation should go to NMSU, as House Bill 873 and SB 700 direct. New Mexico State University does not list this activity in any of the legislative priorities.

An NMSU Santa Fe contact (2/2/2007) indicated there was some uncertainty about these bills and NMSU did not request funding for this project from the Legislature. NMSU has not provided follow-up information as requested.

This proposal was not submitted to the HED by NMSU and is not included in the Department’s funding recommendation for FY08.

NONE OF THESE BILLS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNTIL THE CONFLICTS ARE RESOLVED.

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